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1. ACCORDING OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF SAN MARINO GOVERNMENT, A COALITION OF COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS AND UNITARY SOCIALISTS HAVE INFORMED THE CAPTAINS REGENT THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO FORM A NEW SAN MARINO GOVERNMENT. SAN MARINO PARLIAMENT (GREAT AND GENERAL COUNCIL) WILL MEET BETWEEN JULY 10 AND 20 TO DEBATE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. SINCE THESE THREE PARTIES HAVE 31 VOTES IN 60-MEMBER PARLIAMENT, CONFIDENCE VOTE APPEARS TO BE ASSURED. OFFICIAL FAILURE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS FORM COALITION GOVERNMENT SHOULD ALSO HELP ASSURE CONFIDENCE VOTE FOR LEFTIST COALITION (REFTEL).

2. DURING VISIT TO SAN MARINO ON JULY 4, I WAS TOLD THAT NEW MINISTERS WILL PROBABLY BE FOLLOWING: MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS GIORDANO REFFI, SOCIALIST# MINISTER OF FINANCE EMILIO DELLA BALDA, UNITARY SOCIALIST# MINISTER OF INTERIOR ALVERO SELVA, COMMUNIST.

3. EVEN THOUGH COMMUNISTS ARE LARGEST OF THREE PARTIES
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HOPING TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT, PROPOSAL TO NAME SELVA AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR CONTROVERSIAL WITH SAN MARINO COMMUNIST PARTY. SELVA WAS A FORMER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT WHO LEFT THIS PARTY TO JOIN COMMUNISTS AND THUS NOT CONSIDERED TRIED AND TRUE MEMBER SAN MARINO COMMUNIST PARTY. HOWEVER, PAUCITY OF OTHER QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN HIS APPOINTMENT AS INTERIOR MINISTER IF LEFTIST COALITION GIVEN

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. GORDON

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